

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2012

Present: Russ Inbody, Melody Hobson, Brian Halstead, Donlynn Rice, Betty VanDeventer, Pat Roschewski, Gary Sherman, Scott Swisher, Roger Breed, Sharon Katt, Mary Ann Losh, Freida Lange

10. Other

Donlynn Rice asked for protocol with regard to the use of Department P Card purchases. Several team leaders offered advice including taking great care to document use and location of the card at all times.

Sharon Katt shared the process for reviewing, revising and updating teacher endorsements to reflect current conditions as these now reflect the "70s and 80s". One issue will involve generalist versus specialist designations (special education, language arts, science, and social science).

Sharon Katt asked that Teacher Education representatives be included in PreK-12 discussions.

Roger Breed shared the views of the field about the Department as helpful and supportive and asked that team leaders pass on the positive message to team members.

1. Aspects Contract

Pat Roschewski asked that the discussion on this item be delayed until a later date.

2. REL Research Topics

Roger Breed distributed an information sheet from REL Central product lines, tasks and research alliances. A copy is attached. Research Alliances 1, 3 and 8 are priority needs designated for a quick response.

Dr. Breed will serve on the REL Board and will resign his position on the McREL Board. Pat Roschewski, Donlynn Rice and Mary Ann Losh also attended the welcome meeting with REL.

The priority areas of REL are very pertinent to the work of NDE. NDE can also benefit from the work already completed by REL.

The Department will be asked to select topics of interest for participation.

3. FFATA Update

Russ Inbody reported on the new system for required FFATA. All federal grant applications will require a DUNS number and CCR registration date. Forms will be updated to meet the requirement. This will work with the Grant Management System. Questions can be directed to Russ Inbody and/or Ron Mowrey.

4. Evaluation of Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner

The Board will begin the annual evaluation process for the Commissioner. Commissioner Breed will also evaluate Deputy and Assistant Commissioner. Leadership Council will be asked for input on the evaluations of the Deputy and Assistant Commissioner.

5. Update on Omaha Nation Visit

Roger Breed and Scott Swisher visited Omaha Nation schools earlier in the month. The purpose of the trip was to offer assistance in communicating with NDE. Since that time, the superintendent has been placed on administrative leave and Broderick Steed has been named to serve as interim superintendent. Please offer assistance to Mr. Steed, if requested, and contact the Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner about any contact with Omaha Nation.

6. Teacher/Principal Evaluation Model

The State Board approved the development of a teacher/principal evaluation model. Donlynn Rice gave a description of the process for the development of the model. The process will include a review of models from other states, ESU work and other state work on the evaluation model, and the possible use of a consultant.

7. Update on P-16 Effort

Roger Breed reported on the P-16 co-chairs meeting. Topics discussed included P-20 Data Governance Charter (protocol for data requests), Virtual Partnership Progress Report, and the African American achievement gap (Nebraska's gap between white males and African American males is largest in U.S.)

8. Getting the Good News Out About Nebraska Schools

Betty VanDeventer shared the plan to investigate the *Nebraska Loves Public Schools* blog to promote the good things and initiatives going on in Nebraska schools.

A link to the site will be placed on NDE homepage along with more local school initiatives, student and school successes, events and awards information. Please share your thoughts and ideas with Betty on what to include on the site.

This item will be on the LC Agenda each month for suggestions.

9. Dates/Topics for LC/Super Day Meetings

Roger Breed provided a list of potential topics for Super Day. Discussion followed concerning the format and scheduling of Super Day events. It was agreed that adult learning in terms of professional development should always be supported. The Discussion will continue.

10. Other (cont.)

Mary Ann Losh – Reported briefly on the progress of the development of an implementation guide to support use of the new Rule 15.

Melody Hobson – Reported on the interviews to date and scheduled later this month to select a director of the NU System Buffet Early Childhood Institute.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.